



# BCI Firearms Section Newsletter

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## A Message from the Bureau

"Since the implementation of the Brady Bill, we have seen an increase in the number of guns sold during the last quarter of each year. To accommodate the increase, we have hired seasonal employees, provided additional fax machines and implemented the point of sale devices (POS). BCI is committed to making the background process as seamless as possible to both the dealer and buyer. If you feel there are other resources that would make the process better, please let me, or Joyce Carter know. "

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Bureau Director



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### **Newsletter Information**

The purpose of the BCI newsletter is to provide dealers with information regarding firearm transfers. Changes in laws, policies, and procedures will be included, as well as answers to questions we receive from dealers. It is important that you read this newsletter and brief your staff on its contents. The newsletter is also available electronically via email. To add your business to our email list, contact Becky Clayton at (801) 964-4540 or [rclayton@utah.gov](mailto:rclayton@utah.gov).

### **Straw Purchases**

A straw purchase occurs when a buyer purchases a firearm and transfers it into the possession of a restricted (denied) person. This is a violation of federal law, and the ATF will be notified. If the BCI operator is aware of the potential straw purchase, the dealer and the buyer will be notified. If the dealer chooses to proceed with the sale, the ATF will be notified of the straw purchase. If a straw purchase has occurred, all three parties involved in the transaction could potentially be charged with a felony (the three parties are: the restricted person, the second buyer, and the dealer selling the firearm).

### **Handgun/Long Gun**

A handgun is any firearm, which has a short stock and is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

A long gun is a weapon designed or redesigned, made, or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder, and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

For specific definitions, see pages 46-47 of the Federal Firearms Regulations Reference Guide (2000).

## Returns and Exchanges

When a gun owner takes a firearm back to the dealer to be repaired, a background check is not necessary if it is the same weapon. If the buyer wants to exchange a defective gun for the same model/type gun, no check is needed. If the exchange is for a different model, a check is required.

## Canadian Firearm Information

If a gun owner wants to travel through Canada to Alaska by motor vehicle, it is legal to transport guns in the vehicle. A non-resident firearms declaration must be filled out, and a fee of \$50 (Canadian) paid at the Canadian border. For more information, call the Canadian Firearm Center at 1-800-731-4000. Information and forms can also be found at the Canadian web site: <http://www.cfc.gc.ca/en/visitors/>. Guns can also be shipped to an FFL in Alaska, and then picked up at that FFL after a background check has been performed.

## Types of Secondary ID

Forms of secondary ID that will be **accepted** by the Brady operator:

Checkbook	Medical Examiner's Certificate
Hunting/Fishing License	Vehicle Registration
Insurance Card	Utah ID Card
Phone Book Listing	Mail Received

Forms of secondary ID that will be **refused** by the Brady operator:

Birth Certificate	Temple Recommend
Social Security Card	Military ID Card
Blockbuster Card	Passport
Some College ID Cards	Anything without a matching address

## Military Personnel

Out-of-state military personnel who would like to purchase a handgun in Utah must have a valid driver license or identification card, and orders stationing them in Utah. If the buyer has orders stationing them in a different state, we will be unable to perform the background check.

## Multiple Gun Purchases

If a customer would like to purchase more than three firearms at one time, additional 4473 forms must be completed. Only one background check is required even if additional 4473 forms are filled out. The same transaction number can be put on all forms.

## Verifax

All dealers with Verifax machines should send each check only once. **Remember that any duplicate checks will be billed individually.** If there is an unusual delay, contact BCI to check the status of the request. If there is a Hispanic customer, please do *not* enter an O in the race field. Put a U or W, as these are the options the machine will accept. If an O is entered, the check will result in an error in our system, and it will have to be run manually. According to the FBI the acceptable race codes are: W=White, B=Black, A=Asian or Pacific Islander, I=Native American or Alaskan Native, U=Unknown.

## 4th Quarter Statistics

### TOP SELLERS FOR 2002

Business Name	FFL	Sales
Sports Warehouse	34833	2832
Van Wagenen	34624	2820
Sports Warehouse	34981	1981
Gallensons	00219	1997
Sports Warehouse	34907	1569
Dougs Shoot n Sports	03502	1540
Smith & Edwards	00774	1115
Dixie Gun & Fish	34368	1019
Gunnies	34701	983
The Gift House	07412	930
Basin Sports	04940	831
The Oquirrh Traders	00160	808
Shadow Valley Arms	34761	732
Rocky Mtn Sportsmans	35037	646

## DENIALS FOR 2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Felony	37	43	24	31	16	32	21	27	23	30	32	31	347
Crime of Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Felony	12	10	18	8	6	17	8	12	17	17	17	12	154
Domestic Violence	20	27	25	22	19	15	22	21	19	25	23	23	261
Protective Order	19	23	19	22	17	8	18	20	16	16	26	45	249
Warrant	30	42	36	31	19	24	28	36	44	34	34	62	420
Drug Addiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Mental Incomp	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Illegal Alien	0	0	3	3	3	0	1	0	3	2	2	2	19
Citizenship Renoun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dishonorable Disch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICS Denial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	118	145	125	117	81	98	98	116	122	125	136	176	1457